## **REMARKS**

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), dated April 28, 2004, Applicant herewith submits a Preliminary Amendment to place the application in an allowable condition. Applicant has listed all of the claims in ascending numerical order and provided the proper status identifier for each of the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments remove the informalities present in the previously filed Divisional Application. It is believed that claims 1-8 are allowable.

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested. Applicant submits that the amendments are editorial in nature and no new matter is introduced in the amendment. Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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